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MEMORANDUM FOR THE RECORD

SUBJECT: Building Briefing

1. On 19 July at 1100 we briefed the Director on our progress in identifying a site for the [] building. Present were the Director, General Cushman, Colonel White, Mr. Duckett, Mr. Proctor, Mr. Clarke and myself. We described briefly the steps through which we had gone to fix on our recommendation of [] as the most likely location. The Director accepted our choice prospectively but expressed some doubts that [] could be pursued without hindrance. He directed that we look at our Agency property at [] and to run the same kind of test as we had []. The Director in discussion with Mr. Duckett indicated that the decision to go on the Project had not been reached but, reflecting on Senator Ellender's remarks, expected that the decision would be made soon.

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2. Mr. Proctor reported on the current and prospective vibration problem at []. While the Director accepted the desirability of a new building for NPIC he did not believe that the NPIC Building should be tied to the same package as the Project construction. There followed some discussion by the Director and Colonel White on the probable cost of an NPIC Building and the Congressional implications of a request for funds.

3. The Director asked Ed Proctor to ensure that those members of our appropriations sub-committee who have not visited NPIC be invited to do so without delay. A visit to NPIC should arouse their interest and give them a much greater appreciation for the product which is not easy to articulate. The objective of course is to ensure their support for a new NPIC building if and when one is requested.

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4. Action items resulting from the meeting were:

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a. The consideration of [] as a possible site (DD/S).

b. The Congressional briefings on NPIC (DD/I).

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c. Preparation to approach [] regarding [] once the basic project decision has been made (DD/S&T).

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